

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/474,588

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed on 12 September 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is in reply to the amendment received on 05 August 2005 and RCE filed on 12 September 2005.
2. Claims 1, 10, and 19 have been amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-21 are allowed. See Reasons for Allowance under separate heading.

Previous Double Patenting Rejection

4. Claims 1-21 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-24 of copending Application No. 09/751859. After further consideration and consultation with the Applicant's representative, the double patenting rejection set forth in the previous office action over Application No. 09/751859 is hereby withdrawn.

Reasons For Allowance

5. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the art of record, taken individually or combination, disclose at least the method steps or system components of: *building models of predicted customer profiles, the models include risk models and marketing models, each model is a statistical analysis for predicting a behavior of a prospective customer to a marketing campaign wherein a risk model predicts a*

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likelihood of whether the prospective customer will at least one of pay on time, be delinquent with a payment, and declare bankruptcy, and wherein the marketing models include a net present value/profitability model, a prospect pool model, a net conversion model, an attrition model, a response model, a revolver models a balance transfer model, and a reactivation model.

Independent Claims 1, 10, and 19 are distinguished over the closest prior art of Melchione which teaches discloses customer profiles based on a demographic database (column 5, lines 1-2) and a scoring system, models developed from customer profiles, predictions based on the customer profiles (column 42 line 51 to column 43 line 16). As recited in independent claims 1, 10, and 19, it is clear that the Applicant's invention is distinguished over the Melchione invention in at least the method step and system components of *the marketing models include a net present value/profitability model, a prospect pool model, a net conversion model, an attrition model, a response model, a revolver models a balance transfer model, and a reactivation model.* Although Melchione does disclose utilizing databases for profiling customers, Melchione does not disclose the extent of the claim limitations as written.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - KUWABARA, et al. (JP 02001282591 A) discloses an OLAP data base system which can shorten the time required for satisfactorily expanding the object information data on an OLAP data base to use the information data as soon as possible.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to **James A. Reagan** whose telephone number is **571.272.6710**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at **571.272.6712**.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JA Reagan', is written over a horizontal line.